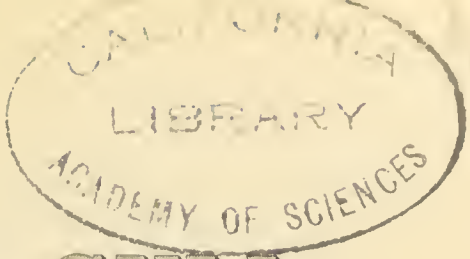


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FEBRUARY MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday evening, 14th inst., at eight o'clock, in the Assembly hall of the Public Library, corner McAllister and Larkin Sts. Take elevator to third floor. Car lines No. 5 or No. 19.

The feature of the meeting will consist of an address by Mr. Joseph Mailliard, Curator of Mammalogy and Ornithology, California Academy of Sciences, on the subject of "Wanderings in North-eastern California," illustrated with lantern slides. Visitors will be made welcome.



FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP will be taken to Easton on Sunday, February 17th. Party will form at corner of Fifth and Market Sts., San Francisco, to take motor bus leaving there about 8:55 a. m. East Bay members should reach Ferry Building not later than 8:20 and take car up Market to Fifth St. Bring lunch and canteens, filled. Leave bus at Easton Drive. Walk to top of ridge; to San Andreas Lake, and back to highway at Uncle Tom's Cabin, about nine miles. Bus fare twenty-five cents each way.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING: The seventh annual meeting of the Association was held on January 10th, in the Assembly Hall of the San Francisco Public Library, with President Kibbe in the chair; Mrs. Carl R. Smith, Secretary; Fifteen members and seven guests in attendance.

Corresponding Secretary Lastreto reported further in the matter of the McIlhenny proposition for the Louisiana Gulf Coast Club and the subject was discussed at some length, but no action was advocated at this time. Annual reports were made by the Treasurer, Outing Committee and President, and duly approved.

Owing to indisposition, Dr. Casey Wood was unable to be present, but his lantern slides were exhibited and Mrs. Kibbe read notes dictated by Dr. Wood, describing the slides and giving details of his visit to Kalacoon House at Kartabo, British Guiana, the Tropical Research Station of the New York Zoological Society, which is under the direction of Mr. William Beebe, Curator of Birds of the Society. Much regret was expressed by those present, that Dr. Wood was prevented from being present in person.

Offices and directors for 1924 were elected, as follows:

- Honorary President.....Tracy I. Storer
- President.....A. S. Kibbe
- First Vice-President.....Mrs. G. Earle Kelly
- Second Vice-President.....Miss Amy Gunn
- Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Carl R. Smith

Corresponding Secretary.....	C. B. Lastreto
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Director.....	Louis Rapp, Jr.



Following the meeting, the Board of Directors assembled and elected to membership, Miss H. F. Cohen and Mrs. Ann Baylor, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Mabel Witt, of Berkeley.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

In rounding out the seventh year of our Association, we find ourselves in a position analgous to that of one year ago. Our Treasurer has told you of our finances and we have lived within our income.

Our field trips have sustained their reputation for popularity and the average party in attendance has been as large as may successfully and satisfactorily be manoeuvred in bird observation.

The monthly lectures have been of such character as to justify a larger attendance at meetings, but the up-town location has continued to exercise a handicapping influence upon members from across the bay.

We regret that physical disability and removal to a distance have deprived a number of charter members who formerly were notable for their participation in meetings and field trips.

Your officers and other directors have kept a careful watch over questions which have concerned the conservational objects of the Association and, with your approval, appropriate action has been taken. The Public Shooting-Ground — Game Refuge Bill failed of passage at the last session of Congress but will be advocated ably, with augmented proponents, during the present session and we hope for better fortune this time. Our California representatives have lined up well in its favor and we have endeavored to enlist the assistance of those who failed to give it support at the critical time last year.

The McIlhenny proposition for a Louisiana Coast Gun Club has attracted much attention and active opposition. Our Corresponding Secretary has been gathering data from various sources and we shall soon be in a position to formulate our own action in this connection.

While we have not realized our hope that census work on the Farrallones might be inaugurated during the season past, we are agitating this proposition and shall continue to do so in our efforts to determine the economic status of the Western Gull and its relations to its fellow-breeders on these islands.

The GULL has appeared regularly and has established a creditable reputation within its scope and field. Those concerned in its production hope that it has pleased you.

In closing, grateful acknowledgement is made to all who have cooperated in carrying on the work of the Association and the membership is again reminded of our standing need for new members,—interested workers,—who will take the reins and relieve in some degree those who have been continuously active for a number of years.

A. S. KIBBE.

REPORT OF THE OUTING COMMITTEE FOR 1923

Your Committee reports the following results of the monthly Field Trips taken during 1923:

The regular trips were taken once each to the following places: Lake Merritt, Easton, visiting San Andreas Lake and Millbrae, Fairfax, Hayward, Lafayette, Tennessee Cove, Claremont Canyon and University Campus, Point Bonita, Baumberg, Lake Merced, Lake Lagunitas and Golden Gate Park, visiting on two occasions the country north of Mount Tamalpais, and also, by making a side trip in April on the Hayward trip, Braumberg was visited twice, once in Spring and the other in Fall, affording an interesting comparison of species seen at these two seasons.

On the twelve trips taken during the year, 137 different species of birds were observed with an average of 39 birds per trip. Lake Merritt, in January proved to be the most popular in attendance with Lafayette in May, a close second.

The largest number of species was seen on the March trip to Fairfax, Lake Alpine and Lake Lagunitas, 57 species, and next in number on the Hayward-Baumberg trip in April, 49 species.

The number of members attending the trips increased a trifle over last year, 37 attending as against 34 in 1923.

A notable feature of the 1923 field trips has been the proportional increase in attendance by guests. The parties have averaged 16, which is perhaps as large as is ordinarily convenient, and of these, members have averaged 10, and guests 6, as against previous proportions of 11 and 5. On three occasions we had more guests than members. It is hoped that the increase in interest shown by those who are not members will bear fruit by their taking membership in our Association, and it is also hoped that members who are able to interest guests will persevere in the good work until this object is accomplished.

In the reports of two previous years, your Committee has expressed the thought that the welfare of our Association and that of the Field Trip Section, was largely dependent upon the attendance of, and assistance given by, the older members. This fact is proven by reports which have been received from those guests who have since become members, that the fine spirit of assistance influenced them in affiliating with us. Your Committee hopes that the older members will continue in this good work, but makes a more urgent plea that those who are competent, be responsible for leading one or more trips. Your Committee appreciates deeply the assistance given heretofore and bespeaks continued co-operation.



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Early in January, an enthusiastic but very ill-advised bird-lover in San Francisco ran an advertisement in seven newspapers published in Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond, San Mateo, San Rafael and Sausalito, offering a bounty of two dollars, plus cost of shipping, for every Pigeon Hawk or Sparrow Hawk killed within a radius of thirty miles from San Francisco and delivered to him by express or parcel post.

Fortunately one of these issues met the eye of one of our members and the assistance of Dr. H. C. Bryant and Executive J. S. Hunter of the Game Commission was promptly enlisted. Mr. Loreto also co-operated in San Francisco and a quietus was placed upon the amateur exterminator of one of our useful birds, but the damage effected by him remains to be determined. After infinite pains, Mr. H. W. Carriger had succeeded in inducing a sparrow

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hawk to nest in a box near his home in East Oakland, but it disappeared shortly after the advertisement was published and two boys admitted that they had killed it to obtain the above reward. The advertisement was recalled and the reward withdrawn in the same papers, but the matter will be followed up, and further action taken if found necessary.



JANUARY FIELD TRIP was taken on Sunday, the 13th, to Lake Merritt and Trestle Glen. The day was clear, fine and cool, and our party very much the largest that has ever assembled for our annual visit to this interesting spot. Mrs. Kelly kindly volunteered to lead a subdivision consisting of Scoutmaster Myer, eight scouts from Troop 17, of San Francisco, and five Alameda scouts.

The time up to noon was spent in watching the feeding and observing the water fowl. A fraction of the party passed on to Trestle Glen for lunch and a survey of the land birds, but the numbers of species found here have steadily decreased during the past four years, doubtless due to the disturbing effects of building operations and increasing activities of residents and visitors. Birds encountered were. Kildeer, California quail, flicker, Anna hummer and California jay; meadowlark, Brewer blackbird, linnet, Nuttall sparrow, San Francisco and California towhees; Audubon warbler, California thrasher, titmouse, bush-tit and ruby-crowned kinglet. Sixteen land species and eighteen wild water species, as shown by census return below. Thirty four species in all, not counting tame or exotic birds.

The water birds were present in large numbers, but the throngs of visitors keep them stirred up and nervous, making the taking of a census a matter of increasing difficulty.

Eared grebes	80	Shovellers	75
Pied-billed grebes	6	Pintails	1300
California gulls	250	Canvas-backs	1400
Ring-billed gulls	few	Scaup	250
Bonaparte gulls	50	American golden-eyes	10
Heermann gull, (immature).....	1	Buffle-heads	20
Glaucous-winged gulls	100	Ruddy ducks	200
Mallards and hybrids	20	Coots	600
Baldpates	700		
Green-winged teal	1	Total number	5065

Members present were: Mesdemoiselles Applegarth, Ayer, Fritts, Harcourt, Schroder and Wilson; Mesdames Hall, Kelly, Kibbe, Parry and Thomas; Messrs. Kibbe, Parry and Thomas; Ananda and Eric Jacobs. As guests: Miss Bastian, Madge Talbot and Betty Sattin; Messrs. Lovett and Myer; Felix Jacobs and thirteen scouts. Sixteen members and nineteen guests.

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